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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Richard L. Gray

Application No.: 10/688,427

Art Unit.: 2821

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Examiner: Trinh Vo Dinh

For: "Direct Drive CCFL Circuit With Controlled Start Up Mode"

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P.O. Box 1450  
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Date: November 4, 2005

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. **STATUS:** Applicant is a small entity.
3. **EXTENSION OF TERM:** The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
4. **FEE FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	15	Minus	20	= 0	x \$25 =	\$0
Indep.	4	Minus	4	= 0	x \$100 =	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$180 =	\$0
					Total Addit. Fee	\$0

**No additional fee for claims is required.**

5. **FEE DEFICIENCY:** If any additional extension and/or fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0574.

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments

Claims 1-7 are pending in the present application. Claims 3-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and corrected for informalities. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,011,360 (Gradzki).

Claim 3 is amended herein. Claims 1 and 2 are cancelled. Claims 8-17 are withdrawn in conformance with a restriction requirement.